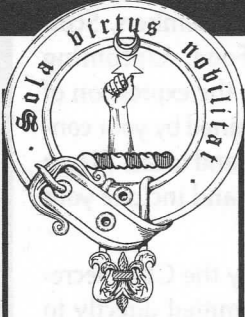


# An Canach Quarterly Newsletter

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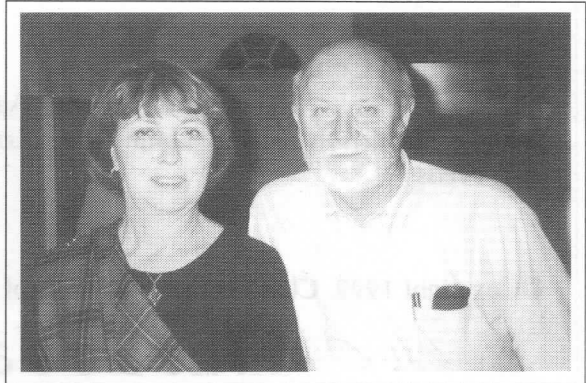
## A Letter From Your President

**I** Love Clan Henderson! I have had more fun, met more delightful people, and had more rewarding experiences in Clan Henderson than just about anything I've taken up. I'm member #0017. I've watched the Clan grow from a mere handful of hopefuls to more than 2200 member families. Now I find myself—thanks to you!—the President of Clan Henderson for the next two years.

I promise you I'll give you my best at the job. Yes, it is a job. Clan Henderson is faced with several problems that need time and attention from your President, your officers, and from each and every one of you Clansmen. Those problems are "good" problems, in the sense that they are the result of the amazing growth and success of our young Clan. I propose to "talk business" with you in this and subsequent Letters, to let you know the nature of the issues that arise, what the Clan administration is doing or planning to do about them, and to solicit your comments, suggestions, and participation.

So, to business! As usual, that means to finances. It is the firm policy of Clan Henderson not to increase the annual basic membership dues beyond the present \$10. We want to be certain that cost of membership is never a deterrent to any Henderson-blooded individual from taking his place within the Clan. (This can be a real issue of staying in or having to drop for many folks.)

The annual US\$10 just about covers costs of publishing and distributing An Canach, plus basic office expenses. Thus, the Clan depends upon the generosity of you Clansmen who give more than the basic requirement for membership to carry out the work of the Clan. You have been generous indeed, allowing us to do the things that need doing while staying in the black. Thanks — and keep up the good work! (You do know that all donations are income-tax-exempt, don't you?)



**Secretary Dottie Henderson and President Horace Loftin at the Christmas Ceilidh in Manassas, VA**

That leads to the first "good" problem: funding activities at the Regional level. Did you know that, with very few exceptions, almost all costs for having Henderson tents at Highland Games have been borne personally by our Regional Commissioners, Conveners and other involved Clansmen, not to mention other expenses of running the Region? With the stunning growth of the Clan—some States now have more members than had the whole Clan a few years ago!—the Regions need more direct financial support, i.e., revenue sharing. But with \$10 dues, there's very little to share!

The Clan is immediately (as of right now!) instituting a second category of membership: sustaining member. Now you may join or renew with either (a) Basic Membership, at the base dues of US\$10; or (b) Sustaining Membership, at the base US\$10 plus \$5 or more as a donation (tax-exempt), and the donation will go directly to the member's Regional account. (Could Solomon have come up with better?)

Clansmen please consider this option, Sustaining Membership, when it's your time to re-up.



Several Clansmen have asked about Life Membership in Clan Henderson. The idea has been bounced about and studied off and on for years. Now we have proposal to establish a Life Membership at \$250 if under age 50, or \$200 for age 50 and above. This membership would pro-

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# Hendersons In Dumfries, Virginia Then ... And Now

by Rex A. Maddox



There is a large colonial style house just a short block off of highway US 1, built by Alexander Henderson's father and passed down the Henderson line for generations. That house today is occupied by Christopher Brown, the current Mayor of Dumfries, Virginia, who is in the process of rebuilding the old Henderson "mansion." He expects to have most of the work completed by 9 May 1999, the date of the celebration of Dumfries' 250th year since its Charter by the Virginia House of Burgesses.

Alexander Henderson's youngest son was named Archibald. Young Archie became enthralled with the idea of becoming a member of the fledgling military force established by the US Congress in 1775, the United States Marines. Being from a prominent Virginia family (Dumfries was the major port for shipment of farm goods in early Virginia and Alexander Henderson was one of the principal traders in these goods on the Potomac River) and educated, Archibald entered the U.S. Marine Corps as a Midshipman when the Corps was reestablished in 1798. His service was exemplary while fighting the Barbary Pirates in Tripoli and serving on many ships of the line as Commander of the Marine Detachment. He had risen to the rank of Captain during the War of 1812 and was promoted to Major shortly before 1820. It was that year when the Congress determined the Marines needed to be led by a "Commandant" due to their size and Major Archibald Henderson was appointed as the fifth Officer to hold the position Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

Recognizing his leadership capabilities and acknowledging his dedication to the country, Congress appointed Archibald Henderson a Brigadier General in 1837, the first Marine to hold that rank and the Ma-

rine Corp's first General Officer. As he led the Marine Corps through the Creek and Seminole War and the Mexican War, the Marine Corps Hymn was written. The music was composed by Jacques Offenbach and lyrics were produced by an unknown Marine and the Hymn of the Marines has only been changed once, to add the term "in air" to the lyric line "on land and sea."



Brig. General  
Archibald Henderson

The Hendersons of today intend to honor the Hendersons of old Dumfries, Virginia by participating in the celebration of the town's 250th anniversary year on 8-9 May 1999. Rex Maddox represents the Clan at meetings of the Town Council and Historic Dumfries Committee in order to set in motion a remembrance not only of the Hendersons of Dumfries, but also the many other Scottish families who resided there. Prominent among these was John Graham (of Dumfries, Scotland) who deeded the land on which the original town was built. In honoring those Scots, the Town council and Historic Dumfries Committee have agreed to hold a Scottish Heritage Fair on the weekend of 8-9 May. This occasion will call together numerous Clans, vendors, entertainers, pipe bands and Societies which bring Scottish Heritage alive through reenactments, storytelling, weaving and displays of Scottish life. Of interest to children will be

Highland cattle, draft horses (with free hayrides), dogs of many Scottish breeds and games typical of the type held in Scottish athletic events.

Nearly fifty Clans have been contacted for this event and three dozen have committed to attendance as of this writing. Several reenactment groups will be present, including the "Soldiers of the Queen (1880)" and the "Noble Blades" who present displays of the art of swordsmanship as well as exhibiting chivalrous actions prevalent during the period 1500 through 1700.

Clan Henderson members will want to attend this grand event and honor those ancestors who lived in Dumfries. The Town of Dumfries celebrates its 250th charter anniversary and proudly proclaims its own heritage as the oldest Chartered Town in the Commonwealth of Virginia. You'll want to be there to participate in this "once in a lifetime" event and to show the Henderson colors. Further information will be published in the April issue of An Canach.

We hope to have a number of clan members who are descendants of this line to be present for these activities. Dumfries has a "First Families" program—Alexander Henderson's descendants are eligible. Contact Russ Henderson, 8500 Wendell Dr., Alexandria, VA 22308 to express your interest and for the application forms.





**Alisdair Henderson the younger of Fordell, son and heir of the present Chieftain Dr John Henderson, Bishop Duncan Cameron, Miss Jean Henderson, Mr and Mrs Joe Henderson, Jean's sister Mary from Chichester, Mary's daughter Muriel Abbott from Stafford, Muriel's daughter Caroline Abbot—and their two dogs—who attended the dedication of the Henderson Stone.**

This Is A Service Of Thanksgiving For Those Who Survived The Massacre And Returned In The Autumn Of 1692 To Re-Build Their Burned Out Homes And Their Lives

#### Order Of Service

Paraphrase 2 - O God Of Bethel

Prayer In Gaelic - Canon McNeil

Psalm 121 - I To The Hills

Reading - Hebrews Chapter 11, Verses 11 - 32

Chapter 12, Verses 1 - 2

Monsignor MacDonald

Gaelic Praise

Lord's Prayer Rev. Klaus Buwert, Moderator of the Presbytery of Lochaber

Dedication Of The Stone - Duncan Cameron, Episcopal Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

Prayer - Rev. Mr. Buwert

Hymn 29 - Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction - Bishop D Cameron

## Henderson Stone Memorial Dedicated in Glencoe

*The service of dedication at the Henderson Stone in Glencoe was conducted by Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and the Isles. Danny R. Henderson, who wrote the article in the last issue, Sue Pagan who reported the event for the Oban Times, and our tanist Alistair Henderson, Yr. of Fordell, contributed to this article.*



Standing in the warm sunshine breaking through the clouds on 9 September, we could have been anywhere in the world, but we were in Glencoe—the name still evokes such strong feelings, and this was the Dedication Service for the Stone and remembrance for those who were affected by the massacre. The contrasts between that dreadful night in 1692 and this balmy day in the autumn of 1998 were there—the local children in modern uniform, retired people from the village, clergy of all denominations, and Clan Henderson members from all over the British Isles. Over three hundred years ago, the Hendersons of Glencoe had been killed and scattered in their long-forgotten attempt to save the MacIains that night. Now, at last, it was accepted and recognized that the Hendersons belong in this glen.

The full story of their involvement is yet to be told, but there is no doubt about the warmth of the Highland welcome in the village this day. As the representative of both the Chief and the wider Clan outside the U.K., I was moved by the enthusiasm of the local people to understand this part of their history.

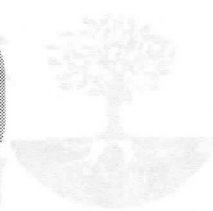
The restoration and preservation, so far, by the Clan members involved, is a tremendous act of dedication. I was pleased to think that their work will not be forgotten, particularly now that funds from our own Australian Society will be available to complete the historical plaque. Morag's beautiful Gaelic song of praise and Joe's haunting lament are wonderful memories of the dedication, and now the Hendersons can live in the glen for ever.

Alistair Henderson



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A hundred thousand welcomes

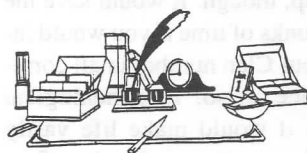


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Linda and Tom Hendricks  
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Kathy Hendry

The Welcome section is a restored feature of AnCanach. These cousins are the new members who have joined Clan Henderson since the Fall issue of the An Canach.



## From the Secretary's Desk

by Dottie Henderson

As I begin my term as secretary of Clan Henderson, I find my mind spinning with thoughts of all that has to be done and all that I would like to do. Harry Keifer has been most helpful in trying to make the transition as smooth as possible. Now I am asking for your help.

With over 2000 names (active and inactive members) on our membership roster and the changing of software programs, some errors have occurred in the database. I would like to correct that to the best of my ability but I need your help. Please take a moment and look at the mailing label of your AnCanach. If there are spelling errors or address errors please let me know by mail or e-mail so it can be corrected. We are trying to include the nine digit zip code number to help get mail to you faster.

If you would like to be contacted by e-mail, we also try to include those addresses. Your commissioner receives updated member lists for their regions and e-mail is a good way for them to communicate with people.

Your member number is the first number in the upper right hand corner. Perhaps it doesn't seem important, but it is invaluable to help for the treasurer and secretary to find you quickly in the database and not to confuse you with members with the same name. Your member number is also on your membership card so you have a quick reference if you need it.

All of the officers of our organization have the goal of making our organization better for all of us. Let us know your thoughts and suggestions.

## An Canach Wants You!

by Russ Henderson, Editor

Your kin want to see your name on a byline, your face in the best clan newsletter around, and some new material in these pages.

Family histories, tales of our ancestors, stories of the migration, or most any subject which is Scottish and factual. Before I leave family

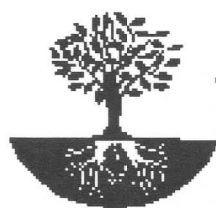
histories, a point needs to be made. Your genealogy must be proved, and the inclusion of history must concur with what else was happening in the world.

We also need editors to maintain the various columns, artists to help improve the appearance—I prefer

our artwork to designs everyone uses.

Interested? Call, write, or let's chat on e-mail (see page 23). Deadlines are 1 March, 1 June, 1 September, and 1 December.

Last note. Remember anyone can report on an event.



# Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot  
Clan Genealogist

Dear Cousins:

Most of you know, I don't normally include non-Henderson-name families on the computer, except for a direct line to a Clan member and his family. I learned early on that there's hardly enough free space for all the Hendersons — and certainly not enough for all their kinfolk of another name. But I am delighted when you send me family group sheets and other data on your collateral branches. All such material becomes a valuable addition to the Henderson archives in the Odom Library at Moultrie, GA, where it is available to all researchers.

Tracing "the other side" of your family is very important in genealogical research. Henderson boys tended to marry girls of the same rural county, and their families soon created a tangled web of kith and kin. Right now my mother, Miss Sadie Lee, can tell you how I am related by blood or marriage to almost anyone you can name in a three-county area of eastern NC. And in the early days, families set out to new lands together: where you find my Hendersons in early Georgia, you find their in-laws the Simmons's.

The Clan data base holds perhaps a dozen different Henderson lines starting in the 1600's and early 1700's of VA. Certainly some or most of them share a common earlier VA ancestor. But given the thorough job of Redcoats and Yankees in burning VA courthouses, we probably will never find direct documentary evidence to link these families. I believe that if and when we do make these connections, it will come about through a careful, systematic study of the family trees of the girls that Henderson boys married back then.

And of course the same holds true for other Hendersons in other parts of America (and Scotland and Ireland!).

I discovered the progenitor (earliest ancestor) of my eastern NC Hendersons through a happy coincidence in a collateral line. Now, according to the Scottish "rule" for naming children, the first son is named for the paternal grandfather, the second for the maternal grandfather, third for the father, etc. Under this rule, the first Henderson to show up in Onslow Co should have been James Henderson, and who can find and identify a James Henderson among the hundreds of James Hendersons?

But, aha!, both paternal and maternal grandfathers were named James, creating a dilemma. So they called my NC ancestor by his maternal grandfather's family name: Barnabe. And so he became Barnabe Henderson! Now, you can find a Barnabe (Barnabas, Barnaby) Henderson in no time, and I did. He came out of Somerset Co in the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and his progenitor was James Henderson who settled there by 1660.

James the progenitor made at least one trip back to Scotland, to collect his wife and children. This means sea voyages. It so happens that his neighbor and future in-law, James Barnabe, owned and sailed ships across the Atlantic and up and down the eastern seaboard of the Colonies. Was James Henderson a seaman or a trader in partnership with James Barnabe? Would shipping records give us leads as to where James Henderson came from and when he arrived first in the New World? Here are clues to be followed, originating from knowledge of a collateral branch of a Henderson family.

Yet another tantalizing clue: One of my (collateral!) cousins who pokes into old records discovered a Scottish document of the 1500's which was signed by, among others,

a Henderson and ... a Barnabe! Here we have Hendersons and Barnabes together in the 1500's and 1600's. So it looks like we've got to do a study of Barnabe genealogy if we're to find out about the Henderson family tree.

The moral of this tale? Don't neglect the in-laws!



Now that I've taken on that extra job of Clan Henderson president, things might be a bit slower coming out to you from your Clan Genealogist. But you'll get them! I could use your help, though. It would save me huge chunks of time if you would include your Clan number in all correspondence. Also, in genealogical matters, it would make life vastly easier if you give me the identification number (e.g., (B) 2772) of the family or individual you're concerned with. It's right there on your genealogy printout.



The "Hendersons in the Census" project is progressing nicely. Two new booklets have been published since the last report: Hendersons in the Florida Census, 1850-1870, \$10; and Hendersons in the Kentucky Census, 1850, \$12. You'll find using these detailed summaries a great help in hunting your "missing Hendersons."

Bob Henderson, who does the hard work on this project, has a great suggestion. Each of you should send him names, dates, etc. (a group sheet would be perfect), of your Hendersons who were alive and kicking in the year 1850. Bob keeps a master list of 1850 census Hendersons. He will check your submissions against the master list, and from this tell you what he learns about your people. Bob's address is 119 Pinewood Dr, Greer SC 29651; phone: (864) 877-2424.

The following "Hendersons in the Census" booklets are now ready and available. Contact

Horace Loftin  
218 Greenwood Dr,  
Panama City FL;  
phone: (850)235-2984

In addition, we are readying for publication the following Henderson censuses:

- for 1850, AR, TN, TX, VA (including future WV). Stand by!

## Hendersons in the Census

Prices listed include mailing costs; checks should be made out to "Clan Henderson Society."

- Hendersons of Early Georgia (1850-1870), 253 pp, \$27.
- Hendersons of Early Mississippi (1850 only), 32 pp, \$8.
- Hendersons of Early Alabama (1850 only), 40 pp, \$9.
- Hendersons of Early South Carolina (1850-1870), 186 pp, \$20
- Hendersons of Early North Carolina (1850-1870), 150 pp, \$17
- Hendersons in the Florida Census, 1850-1870, \$10;
- Hendersons in the Kentucky Census, 1850, \$12.

### President's Letter from page 1

vide full membership for the principal and family for the lifetime of the principal clansman. Note that this payment represents a membership fee, so it is not a donation and is not tax exempt, according to Christi.

What your executive board will do in the next few months is to develop a financial plan to determine how we can support the proposal for a life membership. Please send any comments to Christi Heston, Clan Treasurer.



I hope that you good cousins out there will deluge me with your comments and suggestions for a better Clan Henderson. Cousin Katie Crooks of AZ has already offered a great suggestion to this brand new President of Clan Henderson: Why not create a Clan Memorial Fund, to which members might contribute in memory of a dear

*Flower of the Forest?* Or, in honor of someone much loved or respected?

Katie, it's done! Clan Henderson now has in place such a memorial fund. The individual you wish to honor will be recognized in An Canach, and your donations will be placed in the Chief's Fund or, according to your wishes, to any other Clan activity you may designate. To participate, send pertinent information on the honored person with your check to Clan Henderson Society to our now busier-than-ever treasurer Christi. A remembrance for my loving and beloved wife Janice will be the first of these!

Yours aye

*Horace*



### MacStork

**Morgan Taylor Robin Akins** was born on 7 November 1998 in Jasper, Alabama. She is the daughter of Steven L. and Julie Ann Akins. Incidentally, Steven is also the Chief of the Name and Arms of Akins.

**Bernard W. Stephens**, #221, of Cincinnati passed away in August of this year.

**Robert Milne Henderson**, born 3 October, 1921, Edinburgh, Scotland, died 19 December 1998. He was the husband of Joan Bain Henderson (nee Inglis), Melrose, Roxburg-hshire and the father of William Scougal Henderson, Irving, Texas and Sheila Darg Perrins, Singapore. Funeral services

The leadership in the Clan really starts with you. You are the heart and soul of this family organization. Without you and your family, we can never be the larger clan family; without you we would have no reason to gather and no one to gather with. In light of your importance to the clan, we ask you to take the responsibility of letting your convenor, regional commissioner, or clan officer of events in your family life. Your genealogy is a living one which needs to be constantly updated—you have submitted yours, haven't you? And receiving An Canach results from renewing promptly and keeping us up-to-date on your current address. Please keep in touch.



### Flowers of the Forest

were held at Melrose Parish Church followed by a cremation at Moreton Hall Crematorium, Edinburgh. In keeping with his love of walking he requested that his ashes be scattered in the Scottish hills at a location of his

choice. His son, William, who is known for holding his own strong views, notes that 'it must be in the blood'. Those who spoke of his father at the funeral commented upon how much they respected his father standing by his principles and opinions, even through difficult times, a trait which was also referred to in the kirk session memorial minutes for his grandfather (refer An Canach Spring 1998 p. 19).



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*The basis of this article was first presented in An Canach Vol. 1 No. 3, we hope you will find it interesting and important as you are trying to learn about the Clan.*

Webster defines tartan as being a plaid textile design of Scottish origin consisting of stripes of varying width and color usually patterned to designate a distinctive clan. It is also a twilled woollen (Scottish spelling) fabric with tartan design. Finally, it is a garment of tartan design.

Several characteristics identify tartans. They are twill woven—the weft threads go over two and under two of the warp. This method gives the diagonal lines of the colors. Tartans are doubly symmetrical. If you rotate the piece of tartan you are looking at 90 degrees, it will appear unchanged.

A tartan stands for something. Each clan has a tartan (or several) and some tartans stand for families or regions, so a person may have a family or regional tartan as well as a clan tartan. In his book, *So You're Going To Wear The Kilt*, Mr. Thompson discussed the myth that the clan tartans were objects of antiquity. "We now know that the naming of tartans really started in the nineteenth century and a pattern book of 1819 clearly shows this [fact]. It was put out by Wilson's of Bannockburn, the most important tartan manufacturer of the time." (To fully understand the question of the origin of clan tartans, please refer to Mr. Thompson's discussion in his book.)

The clan history provides a Henderson relationship to the Gunns in Caithness, a branch in the Shetland Islands, the MacEanruigs of Glencoe, a branch in the borders, and the Hendersons of Fordell. Of the Highlanders some generalities may be made. Our ancestors were a wild bunch for whom warfare and rough living were a way a life. It is most probable that their dress would have been what we call today the "breacan feile" (pronounced breck'n fay-la). Although the word "tartan" is most

used, it comes from the French and refers to the cloth while the Gaelic word "breac" means 'checkered' or 'variegated'-in other words, the design.

The breacan feile was a large piece of woolen cloth (called a plaid and pronounced "played") which the wearer lay on, then belted around his waist. The folded (pleated) portion below the belt resembles our kilt while the part above the waist was draped or tucked in. In bad weather, the top part served as a cloak and the whole thing was a warm blanket at night. This style of clothing best fit the climate and terrain.

Our clan tartan, like most of them, is modern in both design and association with Clan Henderson. Although Highlanders were wearing checkered plaids well into antiquity as the best dress for the terrain, the idea of each clan having a special sett (the weaving pattern or thread count) was not prevalent. If there was any uniformity, it may have been a regional one and I would venture that was more a result of the weaver repeating a favored design. During the '45, a Henderson would most probably have been identified by a sprig of cottongrass in his bonnet rather than by a tartan or his highland dress.

The '45 refers to the Jacobite uprising in 1745 when Prince Charles Edward Stuart—the Bonnie Prince Charlie—returned from exile in France and took control of Scotland before turning south for the purpose of reclaiming the English throne. He was defeated by the Duke of Cumberland at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. The English proscribed the wearing of Highland dress and the tartan, a measure intended to make the Scot the same as other loyal subjects.

The proscription lasted less than 40 years and, by the a turn of the cen-

tury, we started to see the textile industry and various leaders applying a new significance to the tartan and its relationship to a clan or an area.

The control of tartans is in the hands of three authorities: Clan Chiefs; Lord Lyon, King of Arms; and the Scottish Tartans Society. The Chief is the head of the clan, the Lord Lyon is the Royal Register, and the Society is the encyclopedia.

Henderson of Fordell is the tartan worn most frequently by members of Clan Henderson. It comes in several forms which are various shades from light to dark of the same sett. The above diagram of the thread count was taken from a tartans book and reproduced with explanation, mostly because I cannot provide full color example.

Understand that the numbers represent the number of threads of each color in weaving order. Also, a sett is a mirror image and the authors expect you to reverse the given pattern to produce the full image. The shaded blocks (the yellow and white threads) are the pivot points which means that, in producing the mirror image, they are not repeated.

I cannot leave the issue of the Henderson sett. I am not sure if anyone really knows who first designed our tartan; however, it is significant to note that it is accepted as Henderson by the Chief of the name and arms of Henderson. Remember that any variation of Henry's son—even Henry in its variations—places you within the welcoming arms of the clan. That acceptance then places the Henderson tartan at your service. Wear it proudly.



# Henderson Goods

## Retail Items Order Form

Henderson Goods are available from your Regional Commissioner  
or local Convenor

You may also order directly from the Clan Quartermaster

All addresses are listed on page 23.

All Prices  
Quoted in  
U.S. Dollars

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## Pioneer Cairns Henderson of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

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**Cairns** (also spelled Kearns, Karnes and Carnes) **Henderson** was the son of William Henderson and a Miss Kearns of Fordell, Fifeshire, Scotland. It is oral tradition that William Henderson and his family came from Scotland in the early 1700s. There is a marriage license for Karnes Henderson dated 17 November 1749 in Lancaster Co, PA, and Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Andrew Robinson and Agnes Boal of Londonderry Twp, PA.

Cairns Henderson was a active member of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, probably a founding member and may have served as a Deacon or Elder. The early records of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church were lost and there is no definite proof of his holding one of these offices. It is believed that he moved with wife Elizabeth Robinson to Mecklenburg Co (at that time it was a part of Anson Co), NC in 1750. It is only in 1762 that we find patents or deeds for Cairns Henderson in Mecklenburg Co, NC, which was formed that year. However, in these deeds they mention that these new lands adjoin Henderson's old lines, which indicate that he had lived in the area earlier than 1762. We know from these deeds that his land was located between the head waters of Sugar Creek and Mallard Creek and from this we can tell where his plantation was located today.

Cairns Henderson was a planter, but it is also known that he taught the two children of Joseph Sample at a "musick school." This would indicate that he was well educated for his day. County records show he was a road overseer in 1778, which made him a public official during the American Revolution. Apparently he was successful in his occupations, because before his death he had accumulated about 1,000 acres.

He and his wife are buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian's oldest cemetery and his tombstone shows he died 25 May 1793. Nearby is the tombstone of David Robinson another officer in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain, NC, and was the father of Elizabeth Robinson who married Andrew Henderson a son of Cairns Henderson. In the 1850 Mecklenburg Co, NC, census, the majority of Henderson's shown, were descended from Cairns Henderson.

The children of Cairns Henderson and Elizabeth Robinson were as follows: (numbered by the author for identification purposes.)

1. Agness Henderson (probably named after her grandmother Agness Boal )
2. Michael Henderson b 1752 d ca 1850 in Logan Co, KY.
3. Andrew Henderson b 1753 d 6 Oct 1837 in Mecklenburg Co. (Probably named after his grandfa-

ther Andrew Robinson.)

4. Thomas Henderson b 1754 d 5 Aug 1816 in Charlotte, NC.
5. John Henderson b 1758.
6. James Henderson b ca 1760.
7. Margaret Henderson b 1763 d 1843 in Mecklenburg Co, NC.
8. Cairns Henderson b 1764 d 29 Dec 1842 in Cape Girardeau Co, MO.

**2. Michael Henderson** (Cairns-1) b 1752 in either Lancaster Co, PA or more likely in Mecklenburg Co, NC. About 1775, he m Hannah Barnett in Mecklenburg Co, N.C. and later with his family moved to Logan Co, KY where he d ca 1850. His wife Hannah Barnett b 1755 d ca 1840 in Logan Co, KY. They had the following children:

- 1) Hugh Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1775 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Margaret Ashmore and he d 1846 in Clark Co, IL.
- 2) Thomas Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1777 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Mary Balch and he d 1811.
- 3) Charity Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1780 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m in Logan Co, KY, David Sawyer, she d ca 1815 in Logan Co, KY.
- 4) Elizabeth Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 17 Feb 1783 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m in Logan Co, KY, Benjamin Sawyer, she d 25 Oct 1845 in Logan Co, KY.
- 5) Margaret Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1787 in Mecklenburg C, NC, m John McMillen. She d ca 1840 in Logan C, KY.
- 6) Carnes D. Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1789 m Parthena Parks.
- 7) Andrew Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1791 m Mary Maben.
- 8) Robinson Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1792.
- 9) Mary Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 1798 m Samuel Mitchell.
- 10) Nancy Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b 27 Dec 1801 in Logan Co, KY, m John Maben. She d 19 Nov 1881 in Logan Co, KY.
- 11) Hannah Henderson (Michael-2, Cairns-1) b ca 1785 in Mecklenburg County, NC, m in Logan Co, KY, James Sawyer. She d aft 1870 in Logan Co, KY.

**3. Andrew Henderson** (Cairns-1) b 1753 in PA but more probably in NC. In 1780 he m Elizabeth Robinson in Mecklenburg Co, NC. She was the daughter of David Robinson and Mary Van Hays (this Robinson family was not related to his mother, whose name was also Elizabeth Robinson.)

He was a successful planter in Mecklenburg Co, NC, and was active in the Presbyterian Church. It was reported that during the American Revolutionary War it





was a common practice for Virginians to go to North Carolina to get a substitute to serve for them. Usually, these were for short periods of time and was a good way for a planter to pick up a little cash to help his family.

In "Virginia Soldiers 1776," Vol.III, pages 1241 & 1242, is found the following account . . ."At Kings Mountain. The following is a list of men who served at the Battle of Kings, of which I omitted to make an account in the payrolls by which I have settled for said services. David Robinson [age 50 and father-in-law of Andrew Henderson-author's note], Moses Robinson [age 20, son of David Robinson], Andrew Robinson [age 23, son-in-law of David Robinson, marrying his daughter Elizabeth Robinson], John Hay [probably related to David Robinson's wife Mary Van Hays]. I do certify that the within is a list of the men of my company which found each with five days provision from home upon the expedition to King's Mountain, of which I omitted to make an account in the payrolls by which I have settled for said services. Signed by David Beatie [could he have been related to the Beatie for whom Beaties Ford was named in Mecklenburg Co, NC?] These men would have served under Col. William Campbell and fought in the area of the Centennial Monument located in the Kings Mountain National Park.

For those not familiar with the history of North and South Carolina during this period, the war in the North had ended in what amounted to a stalemate. The British decided to move the war to the South and conquer it and then finish off the North. It is true that the British won more battles in the South than they lost. However, the South would end up winning the key battles. It started with the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina when the militia stood up to the British by firing two volleys before falling back. The British, thinking they had routed the American Forces, charged right into the Continental Troops who held their ground and routed the British Forces.

Shortly after, the Battle at McIntyre Farms was fought just out from Charlotte, NC, where 14 militia men from the Hopewell District routed, depending on the source quoted, 400 to 600 British driving them back to Charlotte, NC. Next came the battle of Kings Mountain, where Maj. Patrick Ferguson, with British regulars and a large number of Tory militia men, is reported to have said he couldn't be driven from the position he selected. The American militia men from Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina totally defeated the British Forces, killing and then spitting on the body of Maj. Ferguson whom they despised. After the battle they continued to hang some Tory prisoners for previous brutal treatment that Americans had received from the British. The Battle of Cowens Ford, Mecklenburg Co, NC, on 1 February 1781 ended swiftly with the death of Brig. Gen. William Lee Davidson who lived near the ford and still held his commission as Lieutenant Colonel of the 10th North Carolina Troops. This gave Gen. Nathaniel Green time to collect his troops for the Battle at Guilford Court House in Guilford County, N.C. This ended in a draw

although the British claimed the victory, but the British Army had been mortally wounded and a few months later would surrender at Yorktown, Virginia. So the American Revolutionary War was really won in the South by the Scot-Irish and Germans who had settled in the area.

Andrew Henderson died in Mecklenburg County and is buried at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, Cemetery #2, which is located in front of the church and where the church revivals and suppers were formally held. His wife, Elizabeth Robinson, d 4 Apr 1843, and is buried in this same cemetery. There children were as follows:

- 1) Mary Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 31 Mar 1784, Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Capt. William "Blind Billy" Alexander.
- 2) Carnes Harvey Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b Jan 1786 Mecklenburg Co, NC, never married and d 3 Apr 1845 in Mecklenburg Co, NC and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #2.
- 3) Nancy B. Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 14 Jan 1788 Mecklenburg Co, NC, never married and d 14 Apr 1856 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery # 2.
- 4) Margaret D. Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 6 May 1791, Mecklenburg Co, NC, never married and d 12 Dec 1871 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery # 2.
- 5) David Robinson Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 11 Sep 1793, Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Margaret Davidson Alexander. He d 9 Jan 1846 in Marengo Co, AL.
- 6) Elizabeth Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 7 Aug 1796, never married, d 5 Apr 1845 in Mecklenburg Co, NC.
- 7) Griswell Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 21 Oct 1798, never married, d 10 Sep 1881.
- 8) Jennie Cheshire Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 21 Oct 1801, m Birch Cheshire. She d 4 Sep 1870 in Mecklenburg Co, NC.
- 9) Harriet Van Hays Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 13 Sep 1804 m John Ramsey Alexander. She d 9 Sep 1882 in Mecklenburg Co, NC.

David Robinson Henderson (Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 11 Sep 1793 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Margaret Davidson Alexander 4 May 1820 in Mecklenburg Co, NC. She was the daughter of William Bain Alexander and Violet Davidson. David R Henderson was a very successful planter with farms in Mecklenburg Co, NC, a farm in Marengo Co, AL, a city lot in New Orleans, LA, and in his will mentions eleven slaves, ten horses, a four wheel carriage along with other wagons and carriages. It is said that he would travel to his plantation in Marengo Co, AL, twice a year and that it took him 15 days to make the trip one way. While he was gone, his wife Margaret would supervise and run his plantation in Mecklenburg Co, NC. There are two versions on how he d 9 Jan 1846 in Marengo Co, AL, where he was buried. One story was that he died of cholera while in Alabama and the other was that he was murdered and robbed while in Alabama.

Margaret Davidson Alexander b 24 Nov 1797 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, d 14 Jul 1854 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery # 2.



The children of David Robinson Henderson and Margaret Davidson Alexander were as follows:

- 1) Mary E. Henderson (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 3 Sep 1821 d 4 Sep 1837 in Mecklenburg Co, NC. She is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery # 2.
- 2) William Bane Henderson (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 1823 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Louise ??? and moved to Marengo Co, AL, where he d 22 May 1904 [author's note: if anyone has more information on this family, I would like to hear from you.]
- 3) Andrew Robinson Henderson (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 6 Jul 1826, m Rachel Roxanna Rutledge on 26 May 1850. He d 28 Dec 1901 and is buried at Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery.
- 4) Joseph McKnitte Henderson, M.D. (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 23 Nov 1828 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Leonora Emaline Simril of York Co, SC. He d 5 Jan 1877 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery # 3.)
- 5) Violet Jane Henderson (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 26 Sep 1831 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Edward Constantine Davidson. She d 15 Jun 1914 and is buried in the Davidson family cemetery at Rural Hill in Mecklenburg Co, N.C.
- 6) James Harvey Henderson (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 31 Oct 1834 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Cordelia Irwin, He d 11 Sep 1901 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery # 3.

**4. Thomas Henderson, M D.** (Cairns-1) was b 1754, probably in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m the widow Mary Van Hook Baldwin about 1780. Mary Van Hook b 26 Jun 1752 in New York, NY, daughter of Arondt Van Hook and Abigail Stevens. Her first marriage to Joel Baldwin about 1773 was blest with two children, before Joel Baldwin died in Charlotte, NC, 21 Oct 1776 and is buried in the Settlers Cemetery behind 1st Presbyterian Church on West Trade Street. It is assumed that Dr. Thomas Henderson was the physician attending Joel Baldwin and in this way met his future wife Mary Van Hook. Mary Van Hook d 15 Oct 1818 and is buried in Settlers Cemetery. Dr. Thomas Henderson taught in 1780 at the Queens Museum (a college), which changed its name in 1781 to Liberty Hall. He was one of earliest medical doctors in Mecklenburg Co and his practice covered the whole county. During the American Revolutionary War he treated many Americans for their wounds and probably a few of the British soldiers as well. Dr. Henderson d 15 August 1816 and is buried in Settlers Cemetery. The family of Dr. Thomas Henderson and Mary Van Hook Baldwin is as follows:

- 1) Cornelia Baldwin b 21 Jan 1775 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m George Hamilton 29 Feb 1804.
- 2) Mary C. Baldwin b 29 Nov 1776 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Rev. John Robinson 9 Apr 1795. She d 8 Jul 1836.
- 3) Issac S. Henderson (Thomas-2, Cairns-1) b 1781 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Lucinda McCree.
- 4) Harriet Henderson (Thomas-2, Cairns-1) m Andrew McBridge.
- 5) Elizabeth Henderson (Thomas-2, Cairns-1) m \_\_\_\_ Smart.

**5. John Henderson** (Cairns- 1) b 1758. (If anyone has information on this family please contact the author.)

**6. James Henderson** (Cairns-1) b 1760. (If anyone has information on this family please contact the author.)

**7. Margaret Henderson** (Cairns-1) b 1764 m Robert Robinson 30 Mar 1790. She d 16 June 1843 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #2.

**8. Cairns Henderson** (Cairns-1) b 1764 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Lilly Parks, daughter of David Parks Sr. and Martha ??? 24 Jan 1792 in Mecklenburg Co, NC. She d 6 Jan 1846 in Cape Girardeau Co, MO, and was buried in the Apple Creek Presbyterian Cemetery. [Note: Carnes is the way the name is spell in the records, but I believe it was spelled this way to distinguish the son from the father-author.] Their children were as follows:

- 1) Edward Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1)
- 2) Robert Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1)
- 3) Cyrus Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 18 Oct 1792 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m1 Jane Harris, m2 Margaret McKnight. He d 29 Dec 1844 in Cape Girardeau Co, MO, and buried in the Apple Creek Presbyterian Cemetery.
- 4) Elizabeth Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 1794 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Allen Baldwin 3 Jun 1818 in Mecklenburg Co, NC. In 1818 the family moved to Cape Girardeau Co, MO.
- 5) James P. Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 31 May 1795 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Harriet C. Wallace. He d 28 Oct 1868 and is buried in the Davidson College Cemetery in Davidson, NC.

Cyrus Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 18 Oct 1792, m Jane Harris on 2 Jan 1818 in Mecklenburg Co, NC. Later the family moved to Cape Girardeau Co, MO. He d 29 Dec 1844 in Cape Girardeau Co, MO, and is buried in the Apple Creek Presbyterian Cemetery. Jane Harris b 7 Feb 1793, d 20 Jan 1837 and is buried in the Apple Creek Presbyterian Cemetery. Their children are as follows:

- 1) John Robinson Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 20 Dec 1818.
- 2) Margaret Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) m James Monroe Harris.
- 3) Lillian E. Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 5 Dec 1822 Cape Girardeau, MO, d 28 Jul 1849 in Cape Girardeau, MO.
- 4) Mary Ann Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) m J. W. Morris
- 5) Narcissa Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) m Benjamin Ingram.
- 6) Mosana Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) m Charles M. Stebbins.
- 7) Matilda Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) m Lem Sheldon.
- 8) \_\_\_\_ Henderson (Cyrus-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) born after 1837.

David Henderson (Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 20 Jul 1805 m1 Minty S. Wallace m2 Harriet C. Henderson, daughter of Isaac S. Henderson and Lucinda McCree. He d 24 Nov 1870 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery # 3. The children of these marriages were as follows:



- 1) David Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1)
- 2) Isaac S. Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1)
- 3) Charles Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) lived on Statesville Rd., Charlotte, NC.
- 4) James P. Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) lived in Derita, NC.
- 5) William Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 1838.
- 6) Laura Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 1840.
- 7) Martha H. Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 16 Dec 1846 d 18 Jun 1854. She is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #2.
- 8) Louisa Mary E. Henderson (David-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) b 1 Nov 1849 d 4 April 1851. She is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #2.

Philo Henderson (James P.-3, Cairns-2, Cairns-1) born February 1823 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, attended the Latin Academy at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church after attending elementary school near the farm of his father James P. Henderson, a well-to-do farmer and later a merchant in Davidson, NC. In 1839, Philo entered Davidson College. After a minor altercation in the college dining hall, he drew a knife on the steward and the next day threatened the man with a pistol. Much to the distress of his fellow students who considered him entertaining, popular and magnetic, Philo was expelled for these offenses. He entered UNC at Chapel Hill, NC, as a sophomore. Here he was rather wild, but never guilty of anything that could be considered dishonorable. Graduating with a B.A. in 1843, he studied law under Judge Richard Pearson in Mocksville, N.C.

In 1844, after Philo's graduation from Chapel Hill, he went to visit his grandparents in Cape Girardeau Co, MO, and due to the contents of his letters written during this time, proved the connection of these Hendersons of Missouri to the Hendersons of Mecklenburg Co, NC.

The young ladies loved Philo and he loved them. Often he fell in love and always wrote poems to commemorate these lively encounters. First there was Mary, and when they departed he succumbed to a period of drink. Five of his poems were to Rotha but the love of his life was Ada McCleary of Mecklenburg Co, N.C. Two of his poems were "The Flower of the Catawba" and "The Flower Hath Fallen." Both poems, written about Ada after her death, express Philo's broken heart. He d 21 Jul 1852 and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #2.

Andrew Robinson Henderson (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) m Rachel Roxanna Rutledge b 19 Jun 1832 and d 18 Jun 1908. She is buried in Hopewell Presbyterian Cemetery. Andrew was a planter and had a large plantation on Horse Shoe Bend. He ran a ferry, known as Henderson Ferry, across the river that connected with the road leading from Hopewell Presbyterian Church past the Latta Plantation and down to the Catawba River. Bricks, made from the red clay of his plantation were used to build his house and also were used in building the new brick Hopewell Presbyterian Church. In the War Between The States, Andrew was Captain of Company

9, River Bend Beat, 71st Regiment of Gaston Co, 10th Brigade with his commission dated 9 Sep 1861. Their children were as follows:

- 1) Mary Elizabeth Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 28 Oct 1851, m John McKnitt Alexander on 4 Jun 1872, d 19 Nov 1941.
- 2) David Robinson Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 26 Oct 1854, m Theresa Caroline Robinson on 4 Nov 1886 d 10 Feb 1931. He is buried at Hopewell Presbyterian Cemetery.
- 3) James Edgar R. Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 12 Nov 1858, m Isla Alexander Cannon on 1 Mar 1882 d 23 Feb 1926.
- 4) William Bain Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 26 Dec 1861, m Louise Dewtie on 17 Dec 1890 d 3 Jul 1892.
- 5) Harvey Constatine Henderson, D.D.S. (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 24 Jun 1864, m Hattie Howard Jones on 8 Mar 1916 d 19 Dec 1946.
- 6) Robert Eugene Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 11 Jan 1868, m Adeline Miller on 3 Jul 1900 d 22 Dec 1952 in Huntersville, NC.
- 7) Sarah Eugene Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 11 Jan 1868 d 4 Sep 1879. She is buried at Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery.
- 8) Cora Jane Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 16 Oct 1871, m Col. D. A. Lowe on 2 Jun 1902 d 21 May 1950.
- 9) Margaret Roxanna Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 9 Aug 1874 d 29 Sep 1875.
- 10) Andrew McKnitt Henderson (Andrew-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 26 Aug 1876, m Pearl Rutledge on 3 Jun 1904 d 7 December 1948. He is buried at Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Joseph McKnitt Henderson, M.D. (David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 23 Nov 1858 in Mecklenburg Co, NC, m Lenora Emaline Simril, daughter of Francis Henderson Simril and Rebecca Elizabeth McDowell on 11 Mar 1858 in York Co, SC. Joseph attended Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church Academy, graduated from Davidson College and received his M.D. degree from the University of South Carolina. After a brief illness, he died at home on 5 Jan 1877 and is buried at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #3. His cause of death was congestion of the bowels.

Lenora Emaline Simril b 16 M 1832 in York Co, SC, d in the afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at home on 29 Jul 1907 after a long illness and is buried in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #3. She was widowed with a large family of young children. Not only did she manage her estate with rare skill and judgement, but raised all her children, giving them a first-class education.

Having studied much, she was a engaging conversationalist and an avid reader who kept abreast of the times. Lenora Henderson displayed a fine business sense, judgement and tact. She attended Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church where she was very active and a leader in her church. The children of Joseph M. Henderson and Leonora E. Simril were as follows:





1) Margaret Henrietta Henderson (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 7 Jul 1859, m John Robinson Irwin, M.D. and she d 17 Sep 1937.

2) Frances Elizabeth Henderson (Joseph 4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 29 Aug 1861, never married and d 24 Jan 1948 in Charlotte, NC.

3) Pinkney Caldwell Henderson (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 19 Jan 1864 m Julia Montgomery Dowd on 15 Jun 1897. He d 20 Jan 1919 in Charlotte, NC.

4) Daisy Jane Henderson (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 20 Jan 1867 m William Elmore Wilson, M.D. on 8 May 1889. She d 25 Oct 1956 in Charlotte, NC.

5) Simril McDowell Henderson, M.D. (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 13 Jan 1869 m Pearl Winifred McArtan on 3 Jun 1908. He d 13 Apr 1935 in Charlotte, NC.

6) Mary Elizabeth Henderson (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 22 May 1871 m Arthur T. Walker on 6 Oct 1909. She d 5 July 1953.

7) Josephine McKnitt Henderson (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 18 Oct 1876, never married, d 14 Dec 1968. She was a teacher in the Charlotte City Schools.

8) Lucy Bain Henderson (Joseph -4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 22 Apr 1873 m Rev. Charles C. Beam.

Dr. Simril McDowell Henderson (Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 13 Jan 1869 at the old Henderson home place at Alexandriana (now called Croft). He obtained his education at Old Hopewell Academy, Alexandriana and then graduated from Davidson College. He received his medical training at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1894. In 1908 he married Pearl McArtan of Harnett Co, NJ. and they had two daughters. Dr. Henderson practiced in Mecklenburg Co, for about 25 years before moving to Charlotte, NC. where he practiced another 15 years. In 1928, he was the President of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society.

In his old home church, Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, Dr. Henderson was an elder for a number of years, and later was an elder in Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church. The thing that gave him the most joy was the studying and teaching of the scriptures.

Dr. Henderson suffered a stroke of apoplexy 13 Apr 1935 while driving over Mrs. Henderson's farm in Harnett County, N.C. His two daughters, Christian and Rebecca, while attending a meeting of school teachers in Charlotte, NC, were told of his stroke. They reached his bedside before his death at 6 o'clock at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville, N.C. He always wore a hat because of his bald head.

As a child, Dr. Henderson enjoyed playing jokes like putting a cockabury under a horse's saddle blanket and watching the horse buck when the unfortunate rider got on the saddle. The story is also told that one Sunday morning the Sunday school teacher asked if anyone could tell her who Jesus was? Dr. Henderson was quick to respond. "He must have been an Alexander because everyone in these parts are related to the Alexanders." In the winter, as Dr. Henderson made his calls at night on his patients, he would place his old gray overcoat over the engine of his Model T Ford so it would be easier to start when he came out later. With it still being dark in the

early morning and having stayed up with the patient all night, he would get in his car and drive home. Forgetting the overcoat which would blow off along the way. People in the area knew his overcoat and in a few days someone would return his overcoat to his house.

After his first stroke, Pearl, his wife was concerned as to his ability to continue to practice medicine. Several physicians assured her he was quite capable of continuing his practice without any risk to his patients. The only effects of his stroke was not being able to use the correct word, although you still knew what he meant. An example was when he would say the "bark on the cake was sweet." The correct word should have been the "icing on the cake was sweet." Icing being the outer layer of the cake, just as bark was the outer layer of the tree.

The children of this marriage were as follows:

1) Christian McNatt Henderson (Simril-5, Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 7 Jul 1910, m Lionel Deeming Bass on 27 Aug 1931 in York Co, SC. She d 3 Jan 1984 and is buried in Sharon Memorial Cemetery in Charlotte, NC.

2) Rebecca McDowell Henderson (Simril-5, Joseph-4, David-3, Andrew-2, Cairns-1) b 11 Oct, m Horace Burton Brame on 7 Aug 1939 in Wilmington, NC.

Thanks to the following researchers who made this article possible and are members of Clan Henderson, or Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society or both. My Aunt Rebecca H. Brame furnished a lot of the material on the Cairns Henderson Family. Cousin Paul Dean Sawyer furnished material on Michael Henderson and the Sawyer families. Cousins Andy Henderson, Mack Henderson and Delia Henderson furnished information on the Henderson family and especially Andrew Robinson Henderson who lived on Horse Shoe Bend Road. Cousin Bill Ransom passed away several years ago, but helped me sort out the different families. Cousin Talma Klaassen furnished leads and materials on the Henderson and Robinson families. Robert and Ann Henderson furnished material on Cairns Henderson Jr. and his family who moved to Missouri and who keep up the Apple Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Pocahontas, Missouri. To Robert Henderson of Greer, S. and Dr. Horace Loftin of Panama City, Fl. for their advice and guidance. It is hoped that readers of this article will correct any mistakes I have made and write articles to add on to this description of Cairns Henderson family or your own Henderson family. Perhaps someone can tell us about Cairns' two sons John and James Henderson families, for whom I have no information.

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# Games, Festivals, and Gatherings

## Mid East Region

### Third Annual Radford Highlanders Festival

By Christi Heston

What a beautiful day! But it didn't start that way. Let me explain.

I borrowed a tent for the occasion and of course did not check the contents or to see if directions were included. My husband and I started to set up the Henderson tent when we ran into a slight snag—not enough poles. OK, no problem. We still had the Graham (my husband's clan) tent to erect only we didn't have the bag of small parts—they were in the garage four hours away.

The tents were different types, but we managed to put all the parts together and to make "one." That led to the Hendersons and Grahams joining together in a composite tent showing our separate displays while promoting Scottish clan membership through our COSCA display.

The advantage we found in supporting the COSCA mission is that everyone stops at our tent and you get to talk up a storm. No sitting there wondering "why I got myself into this." It is a wonderful MORE

### Williamsburg Scottish Festival

26 September 1998

Lee and Dottie Henderson

Late September and the temperatures were in the 90's accompanied by humidity. It didn't keep anyone from wearing their woolen kilts however, and the battle re-enac-

tors were outfitted in full regalia.

We tried not to melt as we marched in the Parade of Tartans. Six of our eight marchers were new members who proved how stalwart Henderson stock is.

Colonial Williamsburg attracts many visitors and we welcomed new members from New Hampshire, Connecticut and California as well as three from Virginia. The Henderson Clan tent kept busy as everyone became acquainted. We hope our new members will continue to participate in Scottish gatherings and meet the members in their home areas. One of our new Virginia members is a piper whom we hope to hear play at one of our future gatherings.

The temperature cooled a little as we packed up that evening, having enjoyed another day of games, music, sheep dogs, re-enactments and especially the company of our Henderson kin, both old and new.

### Anne Arundel Highland Games 10 October 1998

Lee and Dottie Henderson

Drizzly and cool, it was quite a contrast to the weather in Williamsburg two weeks ago. The drizzle stopped by mid-morning, but the sun was shy that day. We had twenty plus visitors to the tent and although we didn't sign up new members we sent some applications. There were five current member families that day and it was good to again see people who had joined at the Anne Arundel Games last year. Ed Brett and family had come to Maryland from New Jersey. Leslie Brett was there but unable to join the dance competition as she had a broken leg.

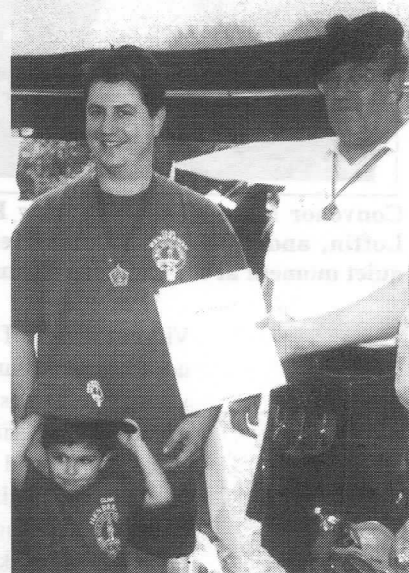
We were nine people strong for the parade of Tartans. The games were fortunate to have sixteen pipe bands, amazing for these games as they are not the largest in the area. Toward the end of the day we met a member of the U. S. Naval Academy

Pipe Band. He is a Henderson and we hope to have him join Clan Henderson.

We left the games at the end of the day looking forward to the next gathering of Clan Henderson

President  
Russ congratulates

Mark Henderson—with son Colin—following the announcement of his being selected for the Chief's Order. Alexandria, Virginia.

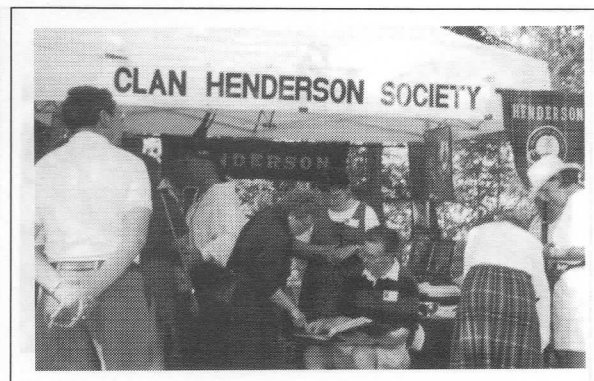


### 1998 Mid East Region Commissioners Report

By Lee Henderson

As the Mid East Region prepares to start a new year it is timely to reflect on the events of 1998.

The success of any organization is built by the participation of its members. In the Mid-East we are fortunate to have several people who have contributed to making the Clan Henderson tent a welcoming gathering place for our members attending events in our area. In the Northern



A lot of activity at the Henderson tent at Ligonier. (Sorry folks, we see faces only when on parade.)



Convenor Mike Henderson, new President Horace Loftin, and Chieftain Claude Henderson share a quiet moment at the Ligonier, Pennsylvania Games.

Virginia area, Jeff Henderson continues to support our activities by convening the games at Fredericksburg and the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair. Ronald and Linda MacDonald provided hospitality at the Potomac Celtic Festival and the Virginia Scottish Games. Mike Henderson traveled north to Pennsylvania for the Elizabethtown Scots-Irish Heritage Weekend and to Ligonier, where he and Joan joined Doug Henderson, Great Lakes Commissioner, to greet the Hendersons there. Steve Henderson has convened the tent at Frederick, Maryland, every year since those games began. Unfortunately the games had to be cancelled this year. Mark Henderson oversees the tent at the Richmond, Virginia Games and was happy that it was sunny instead of rainy this year. Christi Heston convened for the second year at the Radford Virginia Games.

Dottie and I started the season in April at the Southern Maryland



Piper Greg Hicks preparing to lead Clan Henderson during the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk.

Celtic Festival, in September we traveled south to Williamsburg and in October we were at our own Anne Arundel Games in the Annapolis area. We also attended the games in Alexandria, Virginia.

The year always ends with the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk. The weather was perfect and approximately forty-five people joined us for the parade. That evening we gathered for the annual celidh at our Chieftain Claude and Ann Henderson's home in Manassas. We were happy to welcome our new president, Horace Loftin, who joined us for the festivities. Over fifty people attended and besides the delicious food we all brought to share, we were entertained by several talented clan members. Rex Maddox did a reading on Glencoe and young Glen North did a dramatic interpretation of Robbie Burns' "To a Mouse." Steve and daughter, Kathryn Henderson, read a Scottish ghost story. Musical talent abounded with songs on the flute by Kathryn and Elizabeth Henderson, and Melanie and Emily Markow, granddaughters of Claude and Ann. Greg Hicks played the bagpipes and performed the Sword Dance and his father, Leon played the tin whistle for us. Johannes Keseberg, German exchange student of Russ and Judy Henderson, played on the keyboard for us. Doris Henderson played the guitar and sang and we ended the evening singing Scottish songs, the last being "Auld Lang Syne." It was a day filled with the companionship of our Henderson cousins proving that we are a friendly and talented group.

There are thirty-three Scottish heritage events yearly in the Mid-East region. We are grateful to the people who are willing to convene tents to represent Clan Henderson at most of these. The region is geographically large and we would like to have representatives at more events, especially in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey area. Would you like to meet the Henderson cousins in your area? Convening is a great way to do this and help support our organization.

## Northeastern Region

### Loch Sloy Highland Games Fort Erie, Ontario

By Gary Henderson

Beautiful weather for these annual games at Fort Erie on 20 June 1998. We visited with many visitors and potential members. Clan member Xavier Allen was once again an active participant in the events of the day.

There were thirty-seven with a very impressive mass bands performance. We also enjoyed the athletic events and the Highland dancers.

Central Canada Region, this event takes place each year at the same time, try to attend it with your Henderson cousins. North East Region, come out in 1999 and let's make this gathering a large international gathering.

### Amherst Scottish Festival

By Gary Henderson  
FSA Scot

Once again a very enjoyable and successful event.

What makes an event like this successful are the members who attend the event, help man the Clan tent and participate in the Clan march, or just the simple bonding. KINSHIP! That's what this is all about!

Among those this year was David Mott Rote and his wife Gloria, who also shared with us details on their recent trip to Scotland. The 1998 Amherst Festival broke attendance records with over 5,000 people and provided plenty of entertainment with the pipe bands, Highland dancers, athletic events, and the most clan tents in the event's history. There



were many visitors to the Clan tent interested in our Clan history and thumbing through the many pictures on display of the Henderson stone and Fordell Castle.

I also had the pleasure of being interviewed by a reporter from a local radio station. I shared with him the history of our Clan and the importance of kinship. He indicated the interview will be broadcast during one of the Thistle and Shamrock radio shows.

The Amherst Festival successfully brought together many people but, as always, we appeal to all Hendersons to come out to the festivals/events in their area and say hello and make yourself known to us. We look forward to meeting you.

## South West Region

### The 16th Annual Pike's Peak Highland Games And Celtic Festival

by **Buzz McEldowney**

The games were held on 18 July and presented by the Scottish Society of the Pike's Peak Region. Again this year, the games were held on the playing fields of Coronado High School, which is located just east of The Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. This location is about an hours drive from our home in Aurora, Colorado, just east of Denver.

Our drive south early Saturday morning gave us a pretty good indication of what was in store for us, weatherwise—it was already 70° at 6:15 A.M. Colorado was in the midst of a heat wave and showed no sign of cooling.

We, that being my wife Linda and I, arrived in the Springs about 7:30 A.M., checked in and were given directions to the location of our tent space. There were twenty-nine clans represented at the games this year. The clans were evenly distributed

down both sides of the parade ground. The Hendersons were located between the Kennedys and the MacDuffs, with a spectacular view of Pike's Peak right out the front of our booth.

Linda and I had our tables and displays set up and ready for visitors by 9:00 A.M.. Shortly after we were "opened for business" Pauletta Gain, a Clan Henderson member from Golden, Colorado, stopped in to visit and renew her membership. As the morning progressed, we realized that we were not getting too many, if any, visitors. A few folks stopped to look up a name or two at the COSCA display but otherwise we only had nine visitors sign the guest register for the entire day. I was beginning to wonder if perhaps the weather forecast for another 100°+ day had frightened a lot of people away, and I can't say that I blamed them.

At noon the clans were piped onto and around the parade field by the Ballut Abyad Shrine Pipe Band from New Mexico. This band is the longest standing band in New Mexico, having been established in 1959, and were the duty band for the day. The clans were followed by the massed bands which consisted of the nine bands competing at this years event.

Following the noon ceremonies, Linda and I headed back to the shade of our tent and hopefully some visitors. Well!!!! I guess one out of two isn't too bad, we did manage to find some shade and a slight breeze, but not many visitors. As I mentioned earlier, only nine people signed our event register for the day. We found out later, from some of the games officials, that the number of people in attendance this year was down almost 50% from last year. I guess the heat had taken it's toll and, needless to say, it certainly had made for a less than enjoyable day for all of the clan representatives who had made the effort to be there. We did manage to visit with some of our old friends and made some new acquaintances as well, so the day was not completely lost. Hopefully next year mother nature will smile a little more favorably on the Scottish Society of the Pike's Peak Region and its games.



**David Mott Rote, Margaret Philips, Gloria Rote, Lenny Henderson, Gary and Moira Henderson gathered at the Amherst Scottish Festival in New York.**

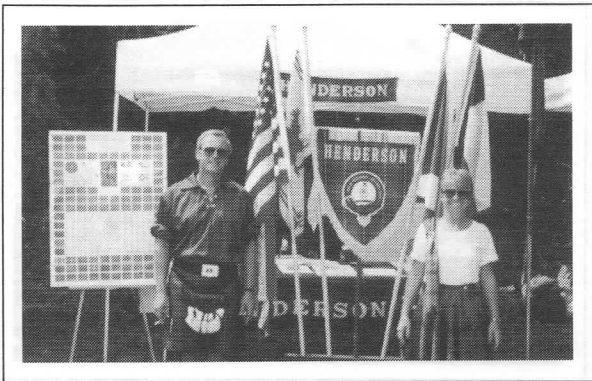
### 22nd Annual Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival

by **Dennis and Pam Young**  
Convenors

The 22nd Annual Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival was held in Estes Park, Colorado on 10-13 September 1998. This celebration included Celtic dancing, music exhibitions, and athletic competitions. Admission to the festival included gathering of the clans, performances from bagpipe and drum bands, the U.S. International Jousting Championships and jousting exhibitions, dancing competitions and exhibitions, the Dogs of the British Isles dog show and men's and women's Scottish athletic competitions. There were also numerous international guest performers, as well as food and beverage vendors and merchants.



**After the walkabout at the Virginia Games.**



**Dick and Sue Hoffman convened Days of the Scots not only in September in Texas, but also in a new kilt.**

The event was expected to attract 60,000 visitors through the weekend of activities. Attendance was high and only slightly hampered by rain on Saturday. With the Rocky Mountains all around, it was truly beautiful. The misty mountain weather gave the event a sense of being in the Scottish Highlands for the weekend.

Clan Henderson also enjoyed a very successful event with 71 visitors stopping by the Clan Henderson tent to register and to get further information about the Clan. In addition, seven new members were enrolled while another 5 renewed membership.

Our clan walkabout, lead by our Pipe Major John R. Berquist and members of the El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band, gave Clan Henderson the opportunity to parade proudly through clan row. After the walkabout, Bob Henderson presented the "Commissioner's Award" to Pipe Major John R. Berquist and members of the El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band



**Glenn, Adam, and Timothy Henderson preparing to carry banner. Marge Henderson tending the display at Arlington, Texas.**

for the Unit's many years of outstanding service to the people of Colorado and to the Celtic community.

Bob Henderson also surprised the Deputy Commissioner of the Southwest Region, Joseph "Buzz" McEldowney, by awarding him with the Order of the Chief. Buzz has done a remarkable job supporting Clan Henderson and has worked tirelessly for the Southwest Region. Congratulations Buzz, you are highly deserving of the honor.

We look forward to another great year in 1999. We hope Clan members will attend this outstanding event, which is one of the top five in the United States.

**Kevin Henderson  
of Valley Falls, Kansas,  
wins "Best in Class"  
(under 190 pounds) at  
Longs Peak Scottish  
Irish Highland Games  
at Estes Park**

Kevin won first in caber, stone toss and sheaf toss. This was the first time for Kevin and his family in Estes Park and we were very happy, **and proud**, to have them here. Kevin was kind enough to stop by the Clan Henderson tent to proudly show his trophy and to allow us to take a few pictures.

If you're just beginning to learn about the Highland Games, stone tossing, or putting the stone, is similar to the Olympic shot-put event. A smooth, round stone weighing a little more than 17 pounds is delivered from behind a 6 x 4 foot, 6-inch toe-board which is called a "trip." The stone must be "put" using one hand only, from the front of the shoulder. In caber toss, is where a wooden pole, 60-150 pounds, is tossed end over end for accuracy. In the sheaf toss, a 1 6-pound sheaf of hay, wrapped in burlap, is tossed with a three-tined pitchfork over a bar.

1998 has been a remarkable year for Kevin. He also won the games at Highlands Ranch, Kansas City and the Mid-America Championships in

Tulsa. Way to go, Kevin!

We're looking forward to Kevin's return to Estes Park in 1999, to have him again represent Clan Henderson.

## Far South Region

### 10th Annual Days of the Scots John Knox Presbyterian Ranch Texas

by B.B. Shuffler

**T**hough the scheduling for this gathering is always near the beginning of Fall, and it normally enjoys the beautiful Texas Hill Country Autumn-crisp weather, we were apparently still under the influence of El Nino.

Don't know why a gathering of Scots should have to tolerate that South Pacific phenomenon with a Spanish name! More briefly, the weather was unseasonably warm (maybe even HOT at times) on the Blanco River at the John Knox Presbyterian Ranch near Wimberly, Texas, on 25-27 September 25 1998. (The Spaniards named most all the significant rivers in Texas.)

The Days of the Scots continues to improve, with a substantial increase in the number of Clan Tents; increasing from one to three excellent pipe and drum organizations; varied entertainers; high quality, highly entertaining Scottish country dancing; outstanding Scottish food prepared by the ranch kitchen chef and staff; seminars for genealogy, Robert Burns interests, and tartans; and Kirkin' o the Tartans, followed by the Ionan Morning Prayer worship service on Sunday in the beautiful outdoor chapel at the Ranch.

Sue and Dick Hoffman, and Shorty Henderson handled most of the Clan Tent setup and staffing on

**An Canach ♦ Winter 1999**

Saturday morning, with Bill and Kassie Shuffler being tied up setting up for Bill's "Search for Scots" presentation for the Genealogy Seminar. We had a nice air-conditioned (COOL) meeting room, built at the Ranch since the last, 9th Days of Scots, thus we had a few hours relief from the heat. We only had ten people interested enough to sign the Register; however probably two to three times that many took advantage of our maps, books, and counsel in determining their Scottish heritage links.

We did purchase enough of the **Texas Tartan** from a vendor there to make a Tartan Banner, which we used at Salado, and ultimately presented to the Central Texas Area Museum for their Wee Scottie Shop there at Salado. This Tartan is depicted on page 239 of *District Tartans*, by Gordon Teall and Phillip D. Smith, Jr. We refer to this as the "Bluebonnet" Tartan, since the colors are based on the blues, white, wine red, green, and yellow appearing on the Bluebonnet plant in the Spring. The predominant colors are Azure, and mid-blue.

The uncomfortably warm days held the attendance down somewhat this year; however, a fine time was had by all.

## 37th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans of Texas Salado, Texas 13-15 November 1998

by B.B. Shuffler

These oldest of Scottish Games in Texas are held in the Village of Salado in Central Texas, sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum. Salado is on Interstate-35, about equidistant between the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and San Antonio, originally an Indian campsite on Salado Creek, then a stagecoach stop with a Stagecoach Inn well preserved to the present, with much historic activity since it was on the Chisholm Trail and only forty miles north of the capital, Austin. Sam

Houston (a Scot, of course) delivered an address from their balcony opposing Texas secession from the Union.

Friday, 13 November, provided several special activities; a golf tournament, "John Ambrose, Jr. Memorial Scottish Scramble", a daylong Genealogy Workshop; numerous vendors set up and in business for shopping, and a Fingertip Supper (with Bill in charge of pouring the wine) in the evening at the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Clan Henderson was represented by Bill and Kassie Shuffler in support of the Museum games committee in getting operations moving.

Since the Genealogy Seminar this year was to cover subjects not of a Scottish specialty (The Alamo Library Holdings, Internet Update, How to Handle Paper Files in the Computer Day and Age, and Researching Southern States(Colonial Period to Late 1800's) we took the opportunity at the breaks, lunch, and during ending discussion period to invite the genealogists, most with Scottish interests, to come by the Clan Henderson Tent on Saturday and Sunday for discussion and use of our mini-library to help in their "Search for Scots." There was very good response to this.

The Seminar-proper had been conducted by well qualified people from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Saturday, 14 November, in the very early hours, Susan and Dick Hoffman from Irving, Texas, and Bill Shuffler set up the Henderson Clan tent, with a slight mist falling, but not enough to really get us wet. As the morning progressed, the moisture increased to the point that we hesitated to put out displays, flags, and books. The Opening Ceremony was scheduled for noon, so we formed-up around 11:30, with no rain falling, for the parade down Main Street to the Village Green. Just as the host band, Saint Thomas Episcopal School, Houston, Texas, the 1998 Juvenile World Champions, Scotland, stepped-off to start the parade, a real downpour started. With some ten pipe and drum bands, some



Dick and Sue Hoffman, Bill Shuffler, and visitor at Salado, Texas. The Texas Tartan is on the pole at left.

forty clans, and hundreds of spectators there was a lot of wet wool! True to our heritage of "Scottish Sunshine", the parade and opening ceremony proceeded to the bitter end. (Not "good form" to break ranks.) The Village Green became the Village Brown Mud as heavy rain continued and the marchers found their way to the appointed locations, within the very large circle of Clan Tents. Had to change into a dry cotton shirt — the wool was o.k.!

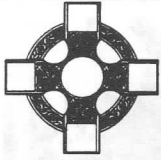
The piping competition, Highland dance competition, and drumming competition were moved indoors and schedule events for Saturday went off well, except that the Athletic Games were postponed until late afternoon when the rain had ceased, and continued Sunday. A great number of the large, round bales of hay were brought in to the grounds and spread around the Clan Tent area, making it useable.

Sunday, 15 November, a beautiful day in Central Texas, with flashflooding around most of the rest of the State. After Kirking of the Tartans, and a Flowers of the Forest memorial service early morning, Scottish Athletic Games continued, the drumming and open piping competitions continued, followed by full band competition. Clan Henderson provided a trophy for the piping competition.

Clan tent activity was rather intense on Sunday, even though the area retained a bit of a muddy complexion and texture. The Clan Henderson tent enjoyed the companion-

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## PSALM XXIII

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he cloth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## Chaplain's Chair

by Douglas Henderson

**Mark 12:28-31.** *And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.*

Jesus was a master of every confrontation; When the scribe asked him which was the greatest of the commandments, perhaps he thought that Jesus would single out one commandment as being greater than all the others. Jesus knew the Ten Commandments well, and He knew the Shema. But instead of listing all the commandments, Jesus announces that you must love God and love your neighbor. The commandments deal with ones relationship with God and with their neighbor. If you love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and you love your neighbor as yourself you will not violate any of the other commandments. Love will keep you in right relationship with God and neighbor.

Jesus knew that Love says it all; It was not about platitudes that give warm feelings; It is about our attitudes and our actions. We must bear in mind that God's love has been shown to us by God in Christ. It was said that a great theologian was once asked, what was the greatest single truth he had learned in his study of the Bible; He answered, "That Jesus loves Me."

"We love, because He first loved us" ( I John 4:19) And love for Him and others is our response to that love.

In Hawthorne's story, of The Great Stone Face, the little lad named Ernest, always looked for the man to come back to the village who would look like the great stone face on the mountain side. The man never came, but Ernest thought so much about the face—dreamed about it, loved it, was obsessed by it—that when Ernest came to be an old man, all the people said, "Look, Ernest is the great stone face."

He had become like that which he loved. So may we love Jesus, take him as our master, stay close to Him and the Gospels, that we may come to know and love him better than anything in all the world.

That we may be more like him and fulfill the law of love. Amen

## Rumbledethumps

(serves 4)

This dish is usually eaten as a main course meatless dish and is coming into its own again with the surge in popularity in Scotland of vegetarian fare. The name of the dish comes from the word "rumped" meaning mixed together and "thumped" meaning bashed together.

- 1 lb cooked potatoes
- 1 lb cooked cabbage
- 2 oz butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 oz grated Scottish cheddar
- Chopped chives

Melt the butter in a large pan and add the onion. Cook gently for five minutes without browning. Add potatoes, chives and cabbage and mix together. Season well and put into pie dish. Cover with cheese and brown under grill or in the oven.

Courtesy of Scottish World July 1989

# Ceol nan Gàidheal

The Music of the Gael

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

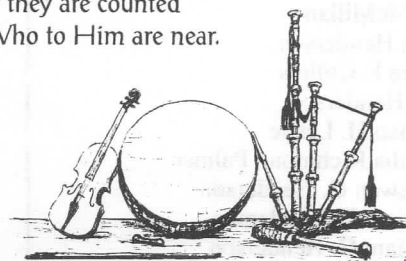
## Leanabh An Aigh

This is the first verse of a Gaelic Christmas Carol. The Gaelic melody is well-known by the English words set to it more recently — “Morning Has Broken.”

I found the Gaelic words and translation in “Carmina Gadelica.” Its six volumes contain the Gaelic invocations, hymns, songs and lore that Alexander Carmichael gathered in Scotland, mainly in the Western Isles, between 1855 and 1899. Much of the material goes back many generations.

*Leanabh an aigh  
An Leanabh aig Mairi,  
Rugadh san staball  
Rìgh nan dul,  
Thainig dh'an fhasach,  
'S dh'fhuilig 'nar n-aite,  
Sona dh'an aireamh  
Bhitheas dha dluth*

The Child of glory  
The Child of Mary,  
Born in the stable  
The King of all,  
Who came to the wilderness  
And in our stead suffered,  
Happy they are counted  
Who to Him are near.



## Report from page 19

ship of ten Society members, with three new member applications being forwarded to the Secretary, two renewal payments being forwarded to the Treasurer, and “Henderson Collection” sales at an all time high. Some fifteen other visitors signed our register, and thirty to thirty-five additional folks were assisted with heritage and genealogy questions. Many were referred to their own specific Clan tents, once we had ascer-

tained their association.

The Gathering ended with the Parade of the Tartans and Pipe Bands down College Hill, with a short program and presentation of awards in front of the Museum on Main Street, Salado. We were especially happy to have the Hays family; Rhonda, bairns Evan and wee Cailyn, join us in the final parade.

Clans were lined up alphabetically, so we took our Texas Tartan “Bluebonnet” banner to first Clan in

line just behind the Bands and had one of their lassies carry it out in front. After the parade we presented it informally to the Central Texas Area Museum since they did not have one in their collection of Tartans and most certainly should have.

In spite of the “gulleywasher” on Saturday, this 37th Gathering of the Clans in Texas was a great success, maintaining a steady, recent year-to-year improvement.

## The Loch Ness Monster And The Atheist

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air then opened its mouth to swallow both. As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, “Oh, my God! Help me!”

At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, “I thought you didn’t believe in Me!”

“Come on God, give me a break!” the man pleaded. “Two minutes ago I didn’t believe in the Loch Ness monster either!”

The Atheist continues, “God, please let the Loch Ness Monster be a Christian.”

God replies, “So be it.”

The scene starts up, atheist falling. The Loch Ness Monster folds his claws together and says, “Lord, bless this food you have so graciously provided.”

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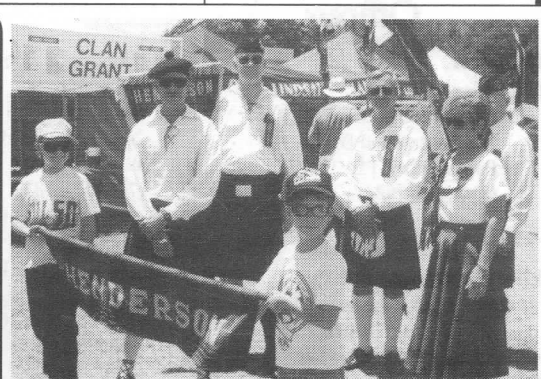
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Photos from left: the Christmas Walk in Virginia; piper Greg Hicks with his father Leon; Russ with son Johannes and Katie Goodwin; Elisabeth reading with her father Steve; and Glen North reciting Burns; and the parade at Arlington, Texas.



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